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WORLD CONFERENCE NEEDED.
(Reuter's General Service.)

LONDON, February 24.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, Secretary for Home Affairs, in a by-election speech at Burnley, declared that the peace treaties had failed and the Government's task was to arrest the demoralisation, prevent further economic ruin, and establish real peace.

The Government had to restore trade and commerce and place them on such a firm foundation that never again would civilisation be threatened by a similar experience.

Therefore the Government must insist on revision of the Treaty of Versailles as soon as possible and solution of the problem of reparations.

The Premier was trying to create the necessary atmosphere and he was hopeful steps would be taken through a world conference or the League of Nations, or both, to see whether we could not return to the position taken up by the late Dr. Woodrow Wilson and the policy of Allied statesmen between 1915 and 1917.

SETTLE AT ONCE.

DOCKERS' UNANIMOUS MANDATE.

STEVEDORES DISSENT.

LONDON, February 24.

A mass meeting of Hull dockers overwhelmingly passed a resolution in favour of accepting the employers' offer.

Newcastle and Bristol strikers also voted for acceptance.

LONDON, February 24.

In addition to the dockers at Hull, Newcastle and Bristol, a meeting of 5,000 Liverpool dockers enthusiastically agreed to accept the employers' offer. There were only three dissentients.

An overflow meeting of 1,500 dockers unanimously voted for acceptance of the offer.

LONDON, February 24.

The Glasgow dockers at a mass meeting have overwhelmingly favoured acceptance of the employers' offer, but meetings of members of the Stevedores' Union at Poplar and Canningtown have decided to continue the strike pending a settlement of their demand for an increase of half a crown day and 25 per cent on piece work rates.

BACK TO WORK TO-MORROW.

LONDON, February 25.

Yesterday's mass meetings of dockers throughout the country without exception decided in favour of resuming work, which is thus inevitable to-morrow, except in the case of the stevedores whose union claims 25,000 members mostly in London.

COMING FRENCH ELECTIONS.

SOCIALISTS' CONFIDENT.

PARIS, February 25.

M. Briand, former Premier, speaking at a Radical Socialist banquet at Carcassonne, prophesied certain victory for the Left parties in the forthcoming elections, provided the Republicans made common cause.

M. Briand advocated the creation of an atmosphere of peace in which Germany would feel her neighbours would enable her to achieve a peace that was real.

ELECTIONS BARRED.

BERLIN, February 24.

A message from Munich states that the French occupation authorities have forbidden the holding of elections in the Palatinate on March 6 for the Bavarian Diet.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH.

A Children's Health Conference will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week at the Y.M.C.A. From two to four each afternoon there will be a Child Welfare exhibit and lectures followed by demonstrations. Thorough examination will be made of children of pre-school age, and the mothers advised as to their care, but no medical treatment or medicines will be given. Dr. S. To Wong is the conference physician and other doctors giving their services are, Mr. Wan Man-kai, Dr. Y. H. Hsiao, Mrs. I. Mitchell, M.D., Dr. T. P. Wang, Dr. Gladys Fraser, Dr. Chan Wai Cheung, Dr. O. C. Wang, Dr. Wong Tze-shen, Dr. S. C. Ho and Dr. Howard East.

This conference is part of the programme of health education which has been carried on through two Baby Clinics held weekly during the past three months, one in a room lent by the Y.M.C.A. and

the other in the Y.W.C.A. rooms. At present these clinics have fifty babies on the roll, forty of whom have been coming for longer than three months, and there is an average attendance of about seventeen. A number of the children have a commendable attendance record.

The purpose of this work is educational, that is to give to the Chinese parents of the community the opportunity of learning facts with regard to the care of their children, and the aim of this week's conference is to make more generally known the need and importance of permanent work for the health and protection of children.

London, February 25.—Commander Burney, in a speech at Bedford, said Mr. MacDonald had told him that the Labour Party had not rejected the Imperial ship scheme, which would have their serious consideration.

TIED OF LIFE.

WOMAN'S LEAP TO DEATH.

CHILDREN ALSO KILLED.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, February 24.

The woman killed through falling from Westminster Cathedral has been identified as Mrs. Davey, of Hammersmith.

The children killed were her two daughters aged four and eight years.

The woman is said to have left a note to her husband saying she was tired of life.

An earlier cable stated that a woman and two children had been killed by falling from the top of the tower of Westminster Roman Catholic Cathedral.

FIGHTING DISEASE.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE'S EFFORTS.

SPECIAL BUREAU.

GENEVA, February 24.

The Hygiene Committee of the League of Nations, after sitting ten days, has concluded its work. The Committee recommends the creation of an Epidemics Bureau in one of the Far Eastern ports to be chosen by the Governments interested; also the transmission to all Far Eastern Governments the report of the commission of enquiry containing the draft of the sanitary convention between these countries. The Committee decided to institute an enquiry into malaria in Albania, Greece and Persia in accordance with a request from these countries; also to enquire with regard to epidemics of plague from anthracis typhus in Russia.

BULGARIA A REPUBLIC?

REPORTED REVOLUTION.

ATHENS, February 24.

The newspapers publish rumours that a Communist revolution has broken out in Bulgaria and that a republic has been established. The rumours add that King Boris has been sent to the country and that the Premier and certain ministers have been murdered. No confirmation is obtainable from official sources.

OFFICIAL DENIAL.

PARIS, February 25.

The Bulgarian Legation denies the report of a revolution in Bulgaria.

FOREIGNERS BARRED.

PARIS, February 25.

The first executive act following the passage of the financial proposals is a decree forbidding access of foreigners to the stock exchanges except by special permission.

TOO MANY LAWS.

(Reuter's American Service.)

WASHINGTON, February 24.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Hughes, speaking to the American Law Institute, declared the multitude of laws passed in "the greatest law factory in the world," namely the 48 States and the Federal Government.

"The greatest duty of the hour," he said, "is not to make but to enforce the laws, thereby maintaining respect for them."

FOOTBALL.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE MATCH.

The following will represent the staff v. the pupils in the A. C. football match to be played on the College ground, Cambridge Bay, at 3 p.m. sharp to-morrow:—

Staff.—Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Wallington, Mr. Handy, Mr. Ralston, Mr. Crook, Mr. Marriott, Mr. Evans, Mr. Meacock, Mr. Kay and Mr. Fletcher. Reserve: Mr. Tanner.

Pupils.—Wong Pak-hay, Yek Chan-pang, Tong Tan-chiu, Lai Sze-chiu, Chan Kai-sin, Lam Tam-shing, Chan Han-keung, Lee Ping-ong, Lee Ping-sun, Lee Wai-kei and Yung Fook-ke. Reserve: Cheung Ming-keung. Referee: Mr. J. H. Molloy.

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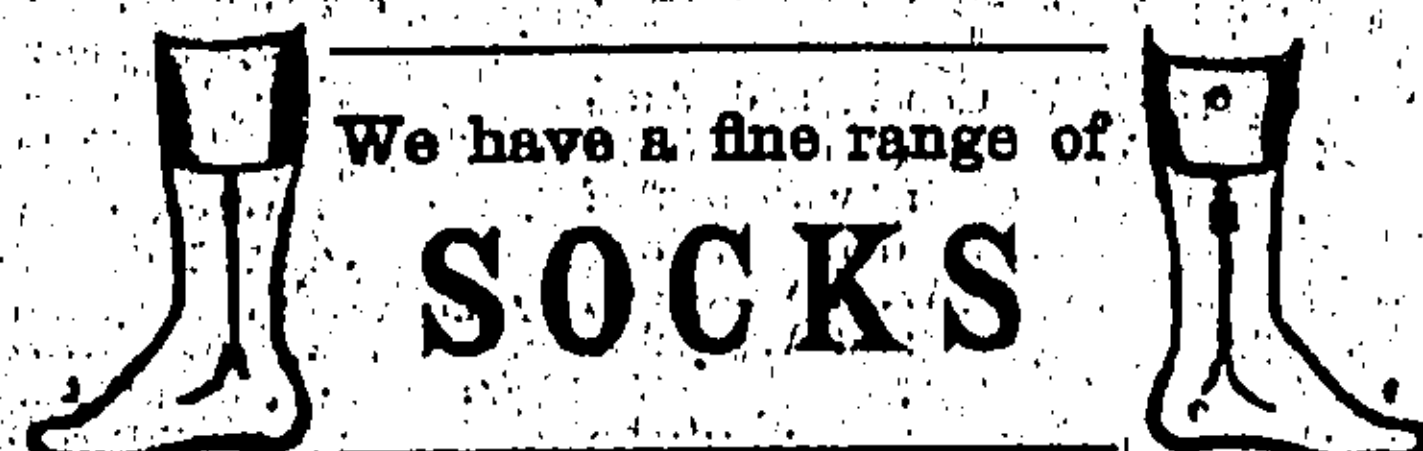
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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
TUESDAY, February 26th, 1924,
commencing at 2.45 p.m.
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A Quantity of
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Comprising:
Chesterfield Couch, and Arm-
chairs, Teak Desk, Teak dining
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rugs etc.

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Vacuum Cleaner, Steel filing
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And
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Cabinet Pethphone, American
Refrigerator.

Catalogue will be issued.
On View on Monday the 25th.
February 1924.

Terms—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.
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THE Undersigned have received in-
structions from the Liquidator
to sell by Public Auction
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THURSDAY, February 28, 1924,
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Also
One Safe by Philip and Sons
One Safe by James Black
One Steel Cabinet File
One John Tann's Patent strong room
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And
One Fine Teak Counter, with Brass
Rails and Teak glass partitions.
Catalogue will be issued.
On view from Tuesday the 26th
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charged outside the Western part of the
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Station on the Eastern side of the City
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fare shall be chargeable.

For 2 or 3 drivers the fare is double or
treble respectively.

11.—In the Hill District.
on Saturdays, 10 cents
Quarter hour, 20 " "
Half hour, 30 " "
One hour, 40 " "
Every subsequent hour, 40 " "

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Ten minutes, 10 cents 20 cents
Quarter hour, 15 " 30 " "
Half hour, 25 " 40 " "
One hour, 35 " 50 " "
Every subsequent hour, 40 " 50 " "

12.—Hill District.
With 4 Drivers With 4 Drivers.
Ten minutes, 15 cents 30 cents
Quarter hour, 20 " 40 " "
Half hour, 30 " 50 " "
One hour, 40 " 60 " "
Every subsequent hour, 40 " 60 " "

Savemake, the crack young
funder, owned by Mr. W. B.
Purfoy, secured the Blindley
Four-Year-Old Hurdle Race at
Lingfield, making his fourth win.

The political situation in Great
Britain is causing some anxiety in
League circles in Geneva, as it is
feared that should the Council be
composed of a majority of
Socialists, it might take such
drastic action in carrying out the
Covenant that it would kill the
organization altogether.

According to a Political Ob-
server, Che-Ka representatives in
England have informed Moscow of
their confident hope that when
Labour comes into power they will
be able to obtain the names of
those Russians who have worked
on the side of the Allies.

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the year that has past. I have

been gathering their estimates

lately; writes Sewell Stokes in

T. P. and Cassell's Weekly, and

from these I see that the authors

most entitled to take into them-

selves the "B.S." degree, are—

Arnold Bennett, Kathleen Norris,

Hugh Walpole, Sheila Kaye-

Smith, and Sir Philip Gibbs.

Lacking in Physique.

Criticism of the physique of

Dundee children, and the abili-

ties of young men in the city,

was made by members of the

Education Authority at a meet-

ing of that body recently. The

School Committee recommended

that two assistant instructors be

appointed to fill vacancies in the

physical training department

created by resignations. Mr.

Peter Swan declared that they

might have better teachers than

they had in his day, but they were

getting worse results in physical

training. Children in Dundee

were round-shouldered and flat-

chested, particularly the girls,

and he did not think they were a

credit to the teachers, whoever

they were. Young men to-day,

in spite of all their high-class

education, could not write as

well as they did in the past; could

not count as well, and could not

spell at all. The recommendation

of the Committee was carried by

11 votes to 10.

The Eiffel Tower.

I do not suppose that any man in

the world has by a public structure

so commemorated his name in his

own lifetime as M. Eiffel, says an

Evening Standard writer. For his

celebrated Tower, alien as it is to

the spirit of Paris, has become so

familiar and essential a part of it,

and seems so to pin the Parisian

scene together, that without it the

city would, to this generation be

something utterly different from

what it is. Apart from the North

formerly No. 13 Young Street,

Kensington, where in a room on

the second story, overlooking an

open space, "Vanity Fair," "Pen-

dennis," and "Henry Esmond,"

were written. Once in his later

years "Blackacre," walking down

Young Street with J. T. Fields, the

American publisher, passed before

No. 13 and said, the mock gravity

"Down on your knees, you rogue!

for here 'Vanity Fair' was penned!

And I will go down with you, for

I have a high opinion of that little

production myself."

The Spirit Taking Leave.

First, the spirit form, which is

unconscious at the time, com-

mences to rise from the top of the

head, through the aperture which

is never completely closed from

birth to so-called death, and slow-

ly ascends head first, and in a per-

pendicular position, until the whole

form stands, as it were, on the

earthly body. Then those spirits

who are there to receive the spirit

body hold out their arms and sup-

port it, until the cord, which is

attached to the spirit feet, and

thence down to the material head,

has passed. This cord is usually

about a quarter of a yard long, and

until it has passed the spirit is not

free. During its passing, there is

often a spasmodic movement in

the body, and what is termed a

death rattle, but in almost every

case the breath has actually left the

body before this occurs. The final

spasm is caused by the cord

passing through the body pre-

paratory to its final separation.

This can be seen by clairvoyants

who may watch a death scene

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DANISH FARMER'S FIND.

A farmer, Sigurd Anderson, at

Lyndike, on the Island of Funen,

noticed something yellow just

peeping out from a big lump of

earth in his field. He crushed the

lump and found three short heavy

bars of yellow metal; and taking

them a few days after to the

neighbouring town of Odense was

informed that the bars were gold

and probably would have to be

sent to the National Museum.

On his return home he dug at

the place where he had found the

bars and unearthed one more. The

first three bars were from 3in. to

4in. long and the fourth 2in. The

total weight of the bars was 1,252

grammes, and the National

Museum, after having examined

the find, has now paid Mr. Ander-

son the metal value, £187.

The National Museum is of

opinion that the bars, which are

without marks of any kind, date

from the Iron Age.

U.S. GIRL DRINKERS.

PERILS OF THE FLASK

HABIT.

The growth of the drinking

habit among boys and girls since

the advent of Prohibition in the

United States is vividly illustrated

by a letter which the head-

master of Lawrenceville School,

New Jersey, Dr. M. A. Abbott, has

found it necessary to address to

the parents of his 500 scholars.

Lawrenceville School is the

United States Eton College, its

boys being recruited from the best

families in the country. Before

Prohibition, drinking among boys

and girls was practically non-

existent in the United States; but

since liquor has been forbidden it

has become the fashion in youthful

circles for both sexes to carry

whisky-flasks and drink immoder-

ately.

Dr. Abbott dates his letter

from "Headmaster's Study." After

dwelling on "the prevalence of

liquor-drinking among boys and

girls in our country," Dr. Abbott

tells the parents that the boys when

at school "give me their word of

honour quite voluntarily, without

any request of mine, that they will

not touch liquor for the sake of the

school," but when they bring me

this pledge that are very careful to

say that this pledge does not blind

them on week-end holidays.

The headmaster adds: "I don't

know what has come over the

members of girls in this country,

but the way in which they are

allowed to drink liquor and the

way in which they are allowed to

go down-town with any from

Dick or Harry is going to be fatal

to the future of the nation."

He asks parents what is the in-

fluence of the boys to keep the

pledge during holidays, and ends his

letter with the plea: "Please help

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Company Limited, on WEDNESDAY, the 27th day of February, 1924, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LTD.

THE FORTIETH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 28th, February 1924, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December 1923, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from THURSDAY the 21st, February 1924, until THURSDAY 28th, February 1924, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 9th February, 1924.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Building, on MONDAY, 3rd March 1924, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December 1923, and electing Directors and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 23rd February to 3rd March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1924.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO. LTD.

THE THIRTY FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY the 4th of March 1924, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1923, and declaring a dividend.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from TUESDAY the 19th February 1924, until TUESDAY the 4th day of March 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1924.

NOTICE.

THE Committee of the Catholic Union Club request the Catholic Community of Hongkong of all nationalities to attend a Meeting which will be held at the Club House, Glenealy, on SUNDAY, 24th February, at 11.30 a.m. to pass a vote of condolence to the Prov. Vicar Apostolic and his Clergy, and to the relatives of our late revered Bishop the Right Reverend Monsignor D. Pozzoni.

F. H. BARNES,
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THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY the 6th March, 1924, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a statement of accounts to 31st December 1923.

The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 6th March, 1924, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1924.

NOTICE.

AN examination will be held shortly for the post of Boy Writer in H. M. Naval Yard, commencing pay \$35 a month.

Candidates must be over 15 and under 19 years of age on 1st March 1924, and applications to compete should be in candidates' own handwriting and should reach the Civil Secretary, H. M. Naval Yard, not later than the 8th March.

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S. COLLETT,
Civil Secretary.

H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Reports that a firm of shipbrokers have entered into a contract with the Admiralty for salvaging the German fleet sunk at Scapa Flow are officially denied.

At the end of the current financial year, March 31, the practice of charging admission to the National Gallery on Mondays and Tuesdays will, it is stated, be discontinued.

St. Augustine's Church, Langdon Park-road, Hornsey, a fine example of modern ecclesiastical architecture, was destroyed by fire. The edifice, which was completed in 1916, cost \$25,000 to build.

At the London Sessions, Lady Simmons, wife of Sir Anker Simmons, J.P., of Henley-on-Thames, appealed against her conviction and a fine of £10 and five guineas costs for stealing various articles from Messrs. Whiteley Ltd. Evidence having been heard, the appeal was dismissed with costs.

Within a few weeks a new form of coin box will be installed by way of experiment at telephone call exchanges in the Gerrard and Victoria areas. It takes, not only coppers, but sixpences and shillings, so that people anxious to secure trunk calls can do so at the ordinary public exchanges.

According to a message from Lisbon, there is considerable and growing discontent in Spain, with the methods of the Dictator.

The banks have refused to participate in a scheme to establish a consolidation fund for converting the £100,000,000 notes of the London and County Bank into £10,000,000 notes of the Bank of England.

The King is believed to be in the best of health, and is expected to leave for the Riviera in a few days.

From a report which, it is stated, Commander du Plessis de Grenadon wrote just before he started on his final voyage in the airship, it would appear that he had informed the authorities of the fact that the "Dikmude" was not airworthy.

France's reply to the German Memorandum on the Reparations question, dated Christmas Eve, was handed to the German Charge d'Affaires in Paris. The Belgian reply to the Note was presented to the German Charge d'Affaires in Brussels.

Diplomatic relations with Greece, which were broken off three years ago, when King Constantine returned to Athens, have been resumed. Mr. C. Benthick is, pending the appointment of a Minister, acting as British Charge d'Affaires.

Charged with the murder of Mr. Ernest Day, Gopinath Saha, a young Bengali revolutionary, has made an extraordinary confession. He states he intended to kill Mr. Tegart, Chief Commissioner of Police, and expresses the hope that a patriotic young man of India would succeed where he had failed.

Strong protests are made against the sinking of the battle-cruiser "Australia," and Senator Newland suggests she might be converted into a war museum. The Defence Minister points out that by the Washington Treaty the "Australia" must be rendered unfit for warlike service and that the Government must adhere to their decision.

Latest despatches from India state that the frontier disorders have glided the Amirs' troops by crossing into neutral territory but that their escape is regarded as only temporary. While it is admitted that the present state of affairs cannot go on indefinitely, no official order of alarm is yet issued.

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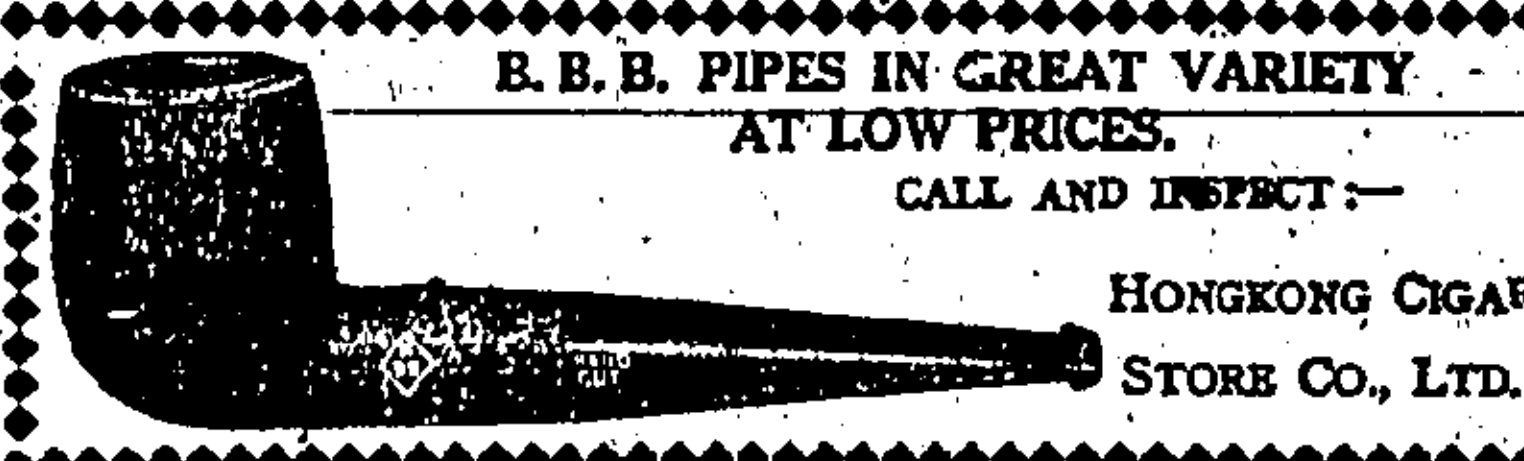
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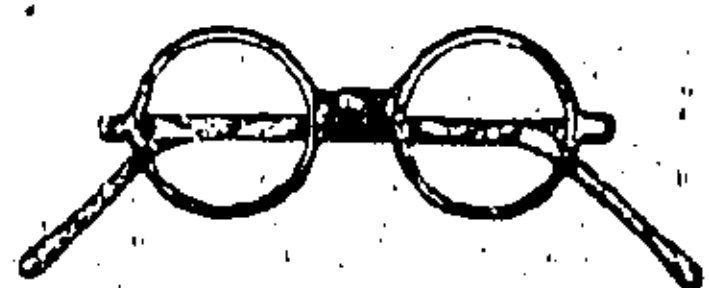
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The Pro-Vicar Apostolic and the Catholic Clergy in Hongkong desire to tender their best thanks to all Associations and individuals who expressed their sympathy with the Catholic Mission at the loss it has sustained by the death of the Right Rev. Mgr. D. Pozzoni.

BIRTHS.

XAVIER.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Xavier, a daughter.

FENTON.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, the wife of Sydney G. Fenton of a daughter.

ENCARNACAO.—On February 16, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Encarnacao, a daughter.

WHITELOCK.—On February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Whitelock, a daughter.

MARRIAGE.

HENRY-KAHLER.—On February 20, 1924, at Shanghai, Francis Henry, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Henry, of Exeter, England, to Thyra Joyce Kahler, daughter of Mrs. W. F. Kahler, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

BOWEN.—On January 13, 1924, at Bedford, Lincolnshire, England, Ellen Bowen, in her 78th year, the beloved mother of Thomas William Bowen, of Shanghai.

ROSS.—On Sunday, February 17, 1924, at Shanghai, John Ross, Detective (Sub-Inspector) Shanghai Municipal Police, from appendicitis.

DEATH.

LANGLEY-SMITH.—On Tuesday, February 19, 1924, at Shanghai, Nelson Humphries Langley-Smith, son of William Langley-Smith, of Wotton Hill House, Gloucester, England, aged 32 years.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG MONDAY, FEB. 25, 1924.

OUR BANK.

Figuring high in the list of the world's ten greatest banking institutions—acting as a barometer in regard to Far Eastern trade, it is natural that the proceedings of the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Ltd. command an interest a little beyond the ordinary. If anything the speech delivered on Saturday by the Chairman of the bank, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, has a greater interest than those which have been delivered by his predecessors. A careful reading, which we heartily recommend, will abundantly prove a somewhat otherwise loose statement, which in its carefully printed word has not been wasted in its compilation—beautifully phrased character, given as newspapers are so fond of

expressing it, furiously to think; reviews the course of trade in its world-wide ramifications, and dwells on the situation in China in no half-hearted way, but with great courage and convincing truth that those who are responsible must if they be the patriots of their country they profess to be must give them not merely "furiously to think"—but furiously to move to some form of concerted action to place their country in a sound position and in a position which from the very nature of her natural resources and the absence of any kind of enemies whatsoever, she should occupy. No more convincing evidence of the need of such a conference as that so earnestly promulgated by Sir Robert Ho Tung has been given than by those parts of Mr. Lang's speech referring specially to China. It must be humiliating for those most concerned to read the expressions of opinion based on experience concerning China and Japan and to observe how one nation stands in the eyes of at least the business community as compared with the other. We need not press home the truths of these opinions; they have been pressed home time and again, until the mind has become tinged with that gloomy pessimism which is to be noticed in parts of Mr. Lang's speech. A general commendation must be given to the statesmanlike nature of this annual oratorical, and oracular review of the bank's activities and to those forces or conditions which have either retarded or helped its onward course. The suggested dealing with the Customs surplus strikes us as a Solomon-like method of dealing with a not unsolvable difficulty—a suggestion which if adopted would do more than anything else to bring order out of chaos, peace out of turmoil, and a general unification which China so sadly needs. The general public will cordially endorse the general and deserved words of tribute paid to the Chief Manager of the bank and his assistants. The bank's Gibraltar unshakability remains—a tribute to sound administration, wise judgment and that unflinching sense of character which we may justly and modestly claim as the general trait of the British nation.

"Diaries."

Toby M.P. was not the first to see the wisdom of keeping a diary, and by no means the first to keep an interesting diary. But he is to be numbered amongst those, "in the swim" who saw the wisdom of "taking notes" and recording the incidents he witnessed, the people he met and the things they said. There is nothing much in that perhaps. We could all do it: our great difficulty is that we do not see any incidents worth recording or meet people whose opinions are worth noting or who, as it is said, "cut ice." That is a modest thought which we use against ourselves whenever the question of diary-keeping crops up. The habit of diary-keeping, however, should be encouraged. We do not mean a series of prosaic entries which begin with the time of our rising, describe the nature of our food, and end up with—"Read if Winter Don't not a bad book." Arnold Bennett has altered all that with his books—"Things that have interested me." They are not necessarily diaries in the sense that they record daily matters of interest. Arnold has simply noted for his own benefit primarily, the things which at odd times have appealed to his thought. Thus he goes to see Pavlova dance, "The Dying Swan" and is enraged to hear a phlegmatic Englishman murmur "moulted" when a feather falls from Pavlova's dress. Or he records his wonderment that most prima donnas are fat! Or he records the intensely interesting conversation with a lady admirer. "Toby M.P." and Arnold Bennett's methods may differ, but the idea both have embodied in their diaries, cannot be too strongly recommended. Write down what interested you yesterday or a title of the thoughts that beset you. Read them next week or better still next year. It is likely to do you a world of good, and the world a deal of good. Think it over. Who knows—you may be second "Toby M.P." or, if it is possible, a second Arnold Bennett.

Luck.

Stories of luck are doubtless floating round in connection with the races, designed to raise our eyebrows and to instil in us some kind of superstitious belief that there is a destiny which shapes our sweep tickets buy them how we will. One "well known" resident tells a perfectly fascinating tale of luck which has only to be read to be disbelieved. His wife, he says, read his "fortune" in his tea cup. This is the old method of so swirling or whirling the remains of your cup into some convenient receptacle, that the leaves leave a design into which the imagination weaves anything and everything. Thus on the day in question—and it was a Sunday—the "well known" was assured money was coming to him—a great deal of it. The additional and traditional "long journey over the sea" was not added. Without undue haste he proceeded to acquire tickets in the draws promoted by the various Clubs, and also a through ticket covering the whole period of racing. His tickets panned out "peculiarly satisfactorily." One drew a horse that never faced the tape, but which earned \$25. Another drew a quadruplet that raced second and earned \$2,150. Yet another drew one that scraped in first and brought \$4,560, whilst another tottered home third with a credit of \$750. This is unquestionably a record; but the through ticket did what through tickets never do, it won. And it won once on each day of the race netting just under \$10,000. This sudden and considerable accession of wealth naturally perturbed the fortunate one, until his perturbation came to an end by the Boy announcing the early morning tea. Lobster has now been eschewed with the determination to add a little more water to it. This last is a cryptic utterance which we do not profess to understand.

The art of book dedication is a fine one as we have here this proof. Mr. William McFee writes a very nice one in his "Command." No names are given and we can imagine quite a lot of "those commanders" wondering if they are included. Here it is—

This book is inscribed to those commanders under whom the author has had the honour to serve, who have achieved firmness without asperity, tact and sympathy without interference and appreciation without fuss. It is inscribed to these gentlemen because while they lack the gift of self-advertisement, they have continued, in spite of the trials and exasperations of a seafaring existence, to engage the respect and affections of their lieutenants.

Mr. McFee's style is said to be similar to Joseph Conrad's. His books are certainly worth reading.

THE MODERN GIRL

is getting herself talked about. We seem to remember when it first commenced—certainly well before the war. Since the war, the modern one has brought down upon her curls which she has bobbed, all manner of things. But the opinions are not all one sided. The head of a large school for training Kindergarten School teachers declares from her experience that the ideal of the modern girl is not the girl who has a "riotous good time," but the one who is strong and sincere, who works while she works and plays while she plays; and who knows how to pray. "From such a standpoint, there is little to fear concerning the welfare of the coming generation."

When electricity began to make itself felt and seen, there were those who prophesied that gas, so far as illuminating was concerned, had had its day. It appears that in 1923, the profits on gas undertakings at Home rose by \$5,500,000, which we understand has made the Board of Trade feel that a fall in price is overdue.

Our tame statistician is engaged on graphs to show the number of turkeys imported, sold, eaten, destroyed, and how far they'd have reached if stretched on end. He has not known that the question has been raised why turkeys are so called. Here then is an illuminating discourse on the turkey. Turkeys were originally found in Peru, and the Spaniards brought some specimens to their own country, where the bird was called "Pera." The Spaniards imported some of the birds to India, and from India they found their way to France, where they were called "Poules d'Indes," and later simply "Dindes." Some of the birds were sent from India, probably Calcutta, to Germany, where the name "Kalikutish Hun" was given to them. If there fore appears that turkeys were

called in various countries after the places from which they were obtained.

Early in the sixteenth century an English company, called "the Turkish Trading Company" introduced the birds into England, where they were called "turkey," probably on account of the name of that company. There is a description of a Christmas dinner:

Of Turkey fatts, and eke of plum puddinge,
That all a-lighte they to table bryngye;
Nor thing we then of all the sorwe,
This rich food will cause us on the morwe.
After this turkey takes on a new interest for us.

The following "letter to the JAPANESE schoolboy" from a SCHOOLEBOY in Japan recently appeared in the *New York Times*:
At the great earthquake disaster and the great fire this time, my heart first felt by thick kind of your country.
It is now, to lie in a heap by goods of kind for your States at pier in Tokyo and Yokohama.
We are looked this goods every time, when my heart was danced by anything out gratitude. My gratitude is beyond my power of expression. Your States is very kind.
We are saying: "America is very friendliness country," all the time.
I am only 14 years of age. I am very glad for your kind department.
From a Japanese boy.
—ITARU SHIROTA.

To-day's Poem.

(Song.)
Linger no more
Upon the brink
Of song;
Plunge boldly, or
These swelling tides will shrink
To sand, ere long.

Oh! claim her now
Thy joy, unproved—
Fly on!
Remember how
Cold Artemis with lofty passion
Loved
Endymion.

Plunge, soar, but still
Thy dream too high
Furnue!
Pause not until
Joy through a drift of stars or
Sea or sky
Shall sing to you!
—Margaret Sackville.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

FEBRUARY 25.

1662. With Mr. Moore to the Coffee-house, where among other things the great talk was of the effects of this late great wind. . . . We have letters from the forest of Deane, that above 1,000 oaks and as many beeches are blown down in one walk there.—Pepys.

DANGER OF TOO MUCH LEARNING.

To myself personally, as an exception to the rule that opposites attract, a very well-informed person is an object of terror. His mind seems to be so full of facts that you cannot, as it were, see the wood for the trees; there is no room for perspective, no lawns and glades for pleasure and repose, no vistas through which to view some towering bill or elevated temple; everything in that crowded space seems of the same same value; he speaks with no more awe of "King Lear" than of the last Cobden prize essay; he has swallowed them both with the same ease, and got the facts safe in his pouch; but he has no time to ruminate, because he must still be swallowing; nor does he seem to know what even Macbeth, with Banquo's murderers, then at work, found leisure to remember—that good digestion must wait on appetite, if health is to follow both.

—James Rhodes.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENT.

February 25.—Coronet Theatre: Anita Stewart in "Mary Rogers."
February 25.—Star Theatre: Sydney Chaplin in "King, Queen, Joker."
February 25.—World Theatre: Dorothy Revier in "The Broadway Melody."
February 25.—Theatre Royal: "The Beggar's Opera." 9.15 p.m.

SOCIAL.

February 29.—At City Hall, Fancy Dress Ball, in aid of the S.P.C.A., 9.30 p.m.
March 1.—St. David's Society Dinner.
March 11.—Master E. Danenberg's first public recital in St. Andrew's Hall (Theatre Royal), 5.30 p.m.

SPORTS.

March 2.—Next Tournament of the H.K. Boxing Assn.
PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
February 26.—Lammert Bros., at Clavadel, 298 The Peak, household furniture, 2.45 p.m.
February 28.—Lammert Bros., at No. 6, Duddell Street, valuable office furniture, etc., 11 a.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.

February 27.—Yearly meeting of the Hongkong Tramways Ltd., at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., Noon.
February 28.—Annual Meeting of the H.K. Rope Manufacturing Company, at St. George's Bldg., Chater Road, 11 a.m.
March 3.—Thirty-fifth meeting of the H.K. Electric Co., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 4.—Thirty-fifth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders of the Green Island Cement Co. Ltd., at St. George's Bldg., Chater Rd., 11 a.m.
March 6.—Nineteenth Annual Meeting of shareholders of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

T. T. exchange on London is 2/4; on Shanghai 71.

Seven cases of small-pox and one of enteric fever, all Chinese, were notified during the week-end.

The Quaints delighted a full house at the Theatre on Saturday with another rendering of "The Nine O'clock Revue." To-night they play "The Beggar's Opera."

Winning tickets in the Chungking Champions run on February 8 were: Nos. 906 (first prize); 473 (second prize); 471 (third prize), ponies being Hans, Grey Lad and Old Bill. Nos. 545, 102, 402, 754 and 725 drew unplaced starters (\$36 each).

The entries for the annual Marathon race in connection with the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association close to-morrow (Tuesday), the race being run on Thursday (February 28th) starting from St. Andrew's Church at 4 p.m. The prizes will be given immediately after the race, in the Church Hall, by Mrs. Lindsay. The prizes are now on view at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh Ltd.

Five solicitors were engaged in a case before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning when seven Chinese were charged with stealing and receiving ship's stores and passengers' effects from the s.s. "Yuen-sang." The Rev. Father's Novak and Botelho were the complainants. Mr. R. E. A. Webster, who prosecuted, stated that he had no evidence against No. 5 defendant (represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada), and No. 6 who were discharged. Mr. Wadson appeared for No. 1, Mr. A. E. Hall for No. 4 and Mr. Russ for No. 7. With the exception of those discharged, the defendants were all remanded.

The result of the drawing of the Chinese Club Hongkong Derby Sweep Tickets is as follows:—

Pony No.	Pony Name.	Ticket No.
*1	Musketeer	02438
2	Jadestone	13526
3	Rifleman	13312
4	Gymp	15235
5	Narcissus	08238
*6	Sovereign Bill	16900
7	Silver Bill	02092
8	Desert Star	19973
9	Silver Leaf	18106
10	The Woodpecker	16312
3rd Prize		
11	Epeus	07703
12	Phiggs	12931
*13	Loch Katrine	06808
14	Loch Spey	07070
15	Grey Dragon	16338
16	King Pippin	12908
*17	Dark Mouse	02417
18	Mopoke 2nd Prize	12144
19	Baronsfield	08640
20	Courtfield 1st Prize	10057
21	Hannahfield	17457
22	Brackenfield	19782
*23	Nastaran II	14596
24	Peter Pan	06354
*25	Magnificent Dahlia	13017
26	Jewel Dahlia II	19432
27	Elipsee Dahlia	04029
28	Gorgeous Dahlia	17808
29	Sceptre Dahlia	12093
30	Uncle George	09133
*31	Uncle Bill	02875
32	Golden Jubilee	12240
33	Silver Jubilee	07844
34	Benschie	02451
35	Gaudie	07859
36	Forbar	11450
37	Arizona	05982

Starters.

PIRATE SCARE.

"ON LEE" MYSTERY UNSOLVED.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED?

What actually happened on the s.s. "On Lee" when a number of shots were fired about two hours after leaving Hongkong for Kowloon on Wednesday night, will probably remain a mystery. The steamer has been released from police surveillance and will resume its run to-night. After examination by the police, the six Indian guards have been ordered to resume duty on the ship.

It is stated that the owners of the ship, the comprador department and the crew are unanimous in their opinion that a gang of pirates were on board, that the latter did commence an attack but were thwarted by the prompt action of the chief officer and guards and the failure of the pirates to obtain the ship's armory.

Yesterday a representative of the vernacular papers was invited to inspect the steamer when revolver bullet-marks on a ventilator and the boat-deck galley were pointed out to him. The claim was made that these shots must have been fired from the stern towards the bridge and, in any case, could not have been made by the guards who are all stated to have used carbines and to have fired from the bridge towards the stern. An argument put forward to refute the statement that the pirates (if on board) would not have submitted without showing fight, was the early appearance on the scene of two or three other river vessels and the meeting with No. 2 police launch. According to the Chinese papers, all the ship's company hint that all the passengers in their examination by the police, were afraid to say that any pirates were seen for fear of revenge, it being alleged that the gang threw their arms overboard when they realised their position.

In spite of the foregoing, there are many thoroughly conversant with every phase of West River shipping who believe that there has been some misunderstanding. Their views were recorded in the *China Mail* of last Thursday and Friday.

"Tai Lee" Piracy.
Of the two Indian guards who were wounded when the "Tai Lee," sister-ship of the "On Lee," was pirated some time ago, one has now recovered and the other is still undergoing treatment in a medical mission at Pak-ai. The case against the six alleged members of the crew is due to be heard on Thursday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Bishop Banister, Mr. A. E. Dome, Mrs. N. L. Smith returned to the Colony by the s.s. "President Grant."

The agenda for to-morrow afternoon's Sanitary Board meeting includes the appointment of Mr. N. L. Smith to be President on the departure on leave of Mr. G. R. Sayer, and of Mr. A. G. M. Severn, M.D., D.P.H., to be additional Assistant Medical Officer of Health.

Shanghai papers record the death, which took place at the General Hospital of Detective-Sub-Inspector John Ross, one of the youngest and most promising members of the Shanghai Municipal Police detective force, after an illness of about a week's duration.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, last week when Miss Thyra Joyce Kahler, daughter of the late Mr. W. F. Kahler, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, and Mrs. Kahler, was married to Mr. Francis Henry, son of Mr. Malcolm Henry. The Very Rev. C. J. F. Symonds officiated.

Funerals of two well-known Chinese, who have lived in Hongkong for some time, took place during the week-end. The first was that of Mr. Chan Kung-yu, late comprador, to Messrs. Douglas Laprak & Co. F. E. the Governor was represented at the ceremony and Government officials present included the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halliday, Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The other funeral was that of Mr. Li Nook-lau who was a mandarin of some note before the Revolution.

The *N.C.D. News* records death of Mr. Nelson Humphries Langley-Smith, which occurred at the Victoria Nursing Home. The late Mr. Langley-Smith, who was only in his 32nd year, was a son of W. Langley-Smith, of Wotton Hill House, Gloucester, England. He was called to the Bar in 1918, a member of Gray's Inn, and a graduate from Queen's College, Cambridge. After some experience in practice at Home, he came out to Shanghai early in 1920 to join the firm of Messrs. Hansons and was admitted to practice at the Bar of H. M. Supreme Court for China on April 15 of that year.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF CO., LTD.

The annual ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., this morning. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and supporting him were Sir Paul Chater, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Messrs. A. S. D. Cousland, Allan Cameron, J. P. Warren, O. I. Ellis, and A. S. Gubbay (Directors), and Mr. W. S. Brown (Secretary).

Shareholders present were:—Messrs. P. Tester, J. T. Bagram, F. H. Crapnell, F. Ellis, L. Tobias, J. M. Alves, A. H. Carroll, P. Yanovich, W. Logan, Kelly Sayce, Lau Moklin, C. H. W. Kew, I. S. Perry, P. C. Potts, Li Pang-sun, and A. Nissim.

In presenting the Director's report, the Chairman said:—
Gentlemen.—The report and statement of accounts, together with the auditor's report, having been in your hands for some days, I will, with your permission, follow the usual custom and take them as read. The balance available for appropriation, including the sum of \$303,493.65 brought forward from the previous year, is \$1,060,819.20. Your Directors recommend dealing with this amount as follows:—

Pay a dividend of \$6 per share absorbing	\$480,000.00
Pay a bonus of \$3 per share absorbing	240,000.00
Transfer to Equalisation Fund	50,000.00
Carry forward to new account	290,819.20
	\$1,060,819.20

and I trust this will meet with your approval.

The typhoons in July and August last caused considerable damage to our property, chiefly to the roofs of the godowns, to the West Point wharves, and to the Praya at Kowloon. The total cost of the repairs was \$74,255.48. Of this amount, \$21,491.54 was recovered under the insurance policies in respect of our wharves, and the balance of \$52,763.94 has been debited to profit and loss account. The damage would undoubtedly have been greater had we not received warning on each occasion in ample time to get our launches and lighters away to shelter. We have recently contracted with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. for the construction of a short, powerful tug, to assist in berthing steamers. It will also be used for towing lighters.

Arrangements have been made with the Government for the continuation of the siding from the railway station into our premises. The work has been put in hand and will shortly be completed. To enable us to take care of heavy railway or other material, an order has been placed for a locomotive steam crane capable of lifting up to 25 tons. This siding will place us in a favourable position for expeditiously handling any class of cargo to or from the railway. The work at the wharves has increased materially both in regard to the number of ships and tonnage of cargo, and the question of further wharfage accommodation is engaging the attention of your Directors.

There have been rumours from time to time that we had disposed of it, and perhaps it will interest shareholders if I state the position. Two years ago it became obvious that a larger area than we had available for timber was necessary, and negotiations were begun with the Government for another site. So far nothing has been arranged, but I believe and hope that we shall be able to secure a suitable site in the near future. Meantime, it has been necessary to rent a large area of railway property to store the timber that could not be accommodated in the yard. I am unable to say whether all or any of our land will be sold when it is no longer required for timber. But it is quite possible that your Directors may decide to retain all of it, as we find the ground floor area on our Marine Lots is insufficient for our needs, and expansion is only possible on the land now used for timber. I do not think that there is anything further that calls for comment, and now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts. When these have been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

Mr. Kelly Sayce asked several questions, which with Mr. Bernard's replies were as follows:—
(1)—The balance sheet shows Sundry creditors, \$454,985. Would you please explain to me why we should owe such a large amount when we have about a million dollars cash at the bank.

What is this money owing for?—It is rather difficult for me to say now what the Sundry creditors are. If you would care to call at the office sometime you could see there.

(2)—The balance sheet also shows an expenditure of \$40,759.25 leaving a credit balance of \$59,240.75 out of our special repair fund of \$100,000 last year. Could you tell us on what portion of the Company's property this money was spent?—The amount of \$100,000 was put aside last year mostly for the re-conditioning of lighters and this amount of \$40,000, was expended almost entirely on re-conditioning of lighters.

(3)—Could you please tell us if any offers have been made for our timber yard and if so, how much was the offer and why was it refused?—I have said that there have been rumours from time to time that we had disposed of it, but we have not done so. No offer has been made.

(4)—Do you think that the money which you are earning in storage of timber justifies us in keeping the yard as a valuable piece of land and not selling it while the boom is on? I am sure the earning is too small to justify our keeping it.—The timber yard is an essential part of our business as the Hongkong and Kowloon Godown and Wharf Company and we cannot afford to give it up. This property we have used for godown purposes.

(5)—It is rumoured that you have acquired temporary in Kowloon on the railway property (Kowloon Bay) a large piece of land for storing your timber in future. Is there any truth in this?—We have been leasing part of the railway property for about two years. We are only leasing it and have not bought it.

(6)—I see there is a large decrease in our earnings last year. To what do you attribute the falling off, as it seems there are many more steamers using the wharf than in the previous year?—As a result of the strike in the early part of 1922 our receipts for storage were enormous and the figures for 1922, storage and godown rent amounted to \$936,000; in 1923, \$807,000, whereas wharf work in 1922 was \$715,000 and in 1923, \$809,000.

(7)—It is rumoured that you are contemplating selling some of your godowns at West Point. I hear some of these godowns are not utilised. Can you enlighten me?—I am sure I am not responsible for the rumours circulated. If various people circulated rumours, they must be responsible for them. (Laughter.) Mr. Sayce suggested that in the interests of the shareholders, the Company followed the practice of other Companies, by publishing the figures and the dividend proposed, subject to audit, the same day as the meeting.

The Chairman replied that it was not the custom and asked Mr. Sayce, if it were his wish.

Mr. Sayce, replied that it was up to the other shareholders to acquiesce.

The adoption of the report and accounts was seconded by Sir Paul Chater and passed unanimously.

Mr. J. T. Bagram proposed and Mr. C. H. W. Kew seconded the resolution confirming the appointment of Messrs. Allan Cameron, A. S. Gubbay, O. I. Ellis, and J. P. Warren as Directors.

The resolution re-electing the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. Allan Cameron as Directors, was proposed by Mr. P. Tester and seconded by Mr. I. S. Perry.

Messrs. C. Bernard Brown and H. Percy Smith were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$700 each, on the proposal of Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. K. Sayce.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the Chairman announced that dividend warrants could be obtained on application on and after February 26.

Mr. Aquith, replying to a communication from Paisley business men, says he sees no reason for receding from his already expressed and considered opinions.

On a charge of treasonable conspiracy against the Soviet Government Trotsky has, according to a despatch received in Paris, been arrested by order of Zinovieff.

Speaking at Plymouth, Sir Donald Maclean suggested a new formula—support the new Government when it was right, and oppose it when it was wrong. A Labour Government, he said, should and would be judged on its merits.

It is announced by the Admiralty that all hope of saving the men on the submarine L 24 has been abandoned. Rough weather still prevents any attempt being made to raise the vessel. Messages of sympathy from many foreign countries have been received.

AMOY PIRACY SEQUEL

SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN HONGKONG.

CRIMINAL COURT TRIAL.

Piracy, the possession of stolen property and the possession of arms were the indictments preferred against five Chinese—four men and a woman—brought before Mr. Justice Gompertz and a jury at the February criminal sessions which began this morning.

The Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp K.C.), who prosecuted, explained to the jury that usually our Courts had jurisdiction only over British territory, British subjects and British ships. In the case of piracy, however, which was an offence against mankind, they had jurisdiction no matter where upon the high seas piracy occurred and no matter what the nationality of the ship.

Commenting upon the quaint wording of the indictment, which set out that "upon the high seas and against the peace of Our Lord the King, the prisoners did assault and rob certain mariners and other persons," the Hon. Mr. Kemp said this simply meant that the offence was committed in some place and in such circumstances as would enable the King's Courts to take cognisance of the crime. The punishment for piracy, the Attorney General went on to say, "used to be death but now the penalty was the same as for robbery on land."

Mr. Kemp said the case was rather a complicated one, there being about 24 witnesses and over 50 exhibits. The ship concerned was the "Ka Ngo," a small Chinese ship which plied between Amoy and a place north of it called Chichow. On December 5 the "Ka Ngo" left Amoy for Chichow carrying about 400 passengers, some of whom were returning from Java and Singapore to their homes in the province of Fukien while others were pig dealers who usually travel on this route.

When the "Ka Ngo" was about 45 miles out of Amoy a gang of pirates took charge of the ship and plundered the passengers. Shots were fired but as far as was known nobody was hurt. The pirates had the ship steered southward along the coast and on the morning of December 7 junks and sampans came out from the shore in response to shots and took off them and their loot. The coxswain believed that they had then come about 260 miles south which would bring them somewhere near Bias Bay. After the pirates had left the coxswain took the ship back to Amoy.

Ten of the passengers who gave evidence at the Police Court placed their losses at \$30,000 but it was impossible, Mr. Kemp indicated, to say what the total losses were. About half of the money taken was in the form of Yuan Shi-ki silver dollars, a number of which were found in the prisoner's possession. The passengers had also a great deal of jewellery stolen from them and some of this was also recovered from the prisoners.

Describing how the prisoners came to be arrested Mr. Kemp said that two of the men were pointed out to a Chinese detective in Yau-mat on December 14. One man had two gold watches on him and the other had a gold wrist watch and a gold ring, \$700 in notes, a Dutch coin and two silver dollars.

The former gave an address in Canton Road where the police found the woman prisoner and another of the men. A dagger was found in a bed under a sheet and a box claimed by the woman was found to contain a quantity of jewellery, besides a large sum of money in Yuan Shi-ki dollars and banknotes. Told to turn out her pockets, the woman produced six more rings on a string and several rolls of banknotes, both Hongkong and Fokien. Other jewellery and further sums of money were found in the same cubicle. It was afterwards ascertained that one of the men had changed into Hongkong money 6,500 Yuan Shi-ki dollars and 875 miscellaneous dollars on December 14 and had on December 10 changed \$1717 worth of Chinese 20-cent pieces and 420 worth of miscellaneous coins into Hongkong money. On December 18 Inspector Murphy went back to the premises in Canton Road and found an automatic pistol there. The fifth prisoner was arrested on January 6 when the police were searching the passengers aboard the s.s. "Hanoi" and was identified by certain witnesses as being one of the men who plied the "Ka Ngo."

It might seem strange, Mr. Kemp suggested, that these men, after a piracy of this magnitude, should not be defended by counsel. The police had, however, pointed out, seized all their resources that were known of in Hongkong. It was quite possible that there might be other loot elsewhere, but this might be in the hands of confederates who were unwilling to part with it to help their friends or might be that the prisoners had not been able to communicate with their friends to obtain the necessary funds for instructing the defence.

The hearing of evidence is proceeding. As it is expected that the case will occupy a day or two the remaining jurors were discharged until Wednesday morning at 10.30 a.m.

KOWLOON BURGLARIES.

YOUNG MAN GETS ONE YEAR'S JAIL.

ROBBERIES CONFESSED.

Covered with ornaments and other articles, counsel table in Mr. J. R. Wood's court at the Magistrate's this morning had the appearance of a stall in an auction-room. Ranging from a tantalus to a satsuma vase, the property represented "swag" taken by a young Bill Sykes from four European residences in Kowloon and recovered by the police.

Carlos Santos, unemployed, of No. 40, Park Street, stood in the dock on four charges of housebreaking and theft, details of which were as follows:—

From No. 9, Chatham Road, residence of Mr. M. J. Percin, on December 9 last, one tantalus, one white horse and figure, one white marble vase, one satsuma vase, and a pair of brass vases.

From No. 3, Chatham Road, residence of Mr. M. J. Percin, on December 9 last, one tantalus, one white horse and figure, one white marble vase, one satsuma vase, and a pair of brass vases.

From No. 5, Amoy Villas, (Mr. F. G. Harrison), on February 10, one Japanese bronze vase, a silver photo-frame, eight silver vases and a brass figure. Only a part of this lot was recovered.

From No. 13, Chatham Road, (Mr. Bennett), on December 19, a clock, two silver photo-frames, a silver-plated calendar and a felt hat, the last two articles being still missing.

Defendant pleaded guilty to all charges and asked to be dealt with at once although Detective Sergeant Dording applied for a remand. His Worship imposed sentence of six months' hard labour on each charge, the first two to run consecutively and the other two, concurrently, or twelve months in all.

INTERPORT SHOOTING.

SHANGHAI DEFEAT HONGKONG.

Shanghai, February 23. In the Interport rifle shooting, Shanghai Scottish v. Hongkong Scottish, Shanghai scored 944. The individual scores were as follows:—

Quartermaster-Sergt. Gates	98
Sergt. Campbell	99
Sergt. Mackintosh	96
Sergt. Wilson	91
Corpl. Rait	88
Lce.-Corpl. Bell	102
Lce.-Corpl. Stewart	82
Pte. Wilson	106
Pte. Smith	84
Pte. Sinclair	133

The Hongkong Scottish fired off at Saturday under very adverse weather conditions. Hongkong scored only 833, being beaten by 11.

Part two of the Annual Musketry Course was fired, and the possible per man was thus 115 points. Ten men fired on each side, all counting.

Hongkong scores follow:—	
Corpl. Goodman	97
Lieut. Logan	96
Private Swan	95
Private Carrie	93
Private Cudhill	91
Corpl. Smyth	79
Lieut. Ralston	78
Private Hope	73
Corpl. Young	71
Corpl. Greig	60
Total	833

This was the first annual Interport Volunteer Shoot. Hongkong fired off yesterday at 3 p.m. and Shanghai at 7.30 a.m. The totals were from the north are nothing short of wonderful and they show ability which we can scarcely hope to compete against successfully.

The Empire in Hongkong was Capt. L. D. Jolliffe, R.G.A. and Mr. R. E. Sutherland, who takes an active interest, as chairman of the St. Andrew's Society, in the Hongkong Scottish, was present throughout the shoot. It is hoped that a trophy will be presented for annual competition and perhaps other sports might be introduced to compete.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

VARSITY V. NAVY.

The following will represent the University 1st XI. in league match against the Navy 1st XI on the University ground on Wednesday next at 2.15 p.m. sharp:—E. K. Quick, M. H. Roffey, A. S. Hett, R. A. Ponsbury, Fane, W. M. Gittins, A. A. Rumliah (Capt.), H. N. Balhetcher, T. O. Yeow, M. B. Osman, D. Laing and B. P. Ng.

The 1st XI friendly match vs. the Garrison has been scratched owing to the members of the Garrison team having Camp and Manoeuvres on that day.

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DOWN WITH THE 'FLU.



A Reuter cable from Rome states that the King of Italy is confined to his room with an attack of influenza. He has postponed his visit to Fiume on the occasion of the proclamation of the annexation of that city.

MR. SHAW'S ORIGINALS.

"NO MAN IS SCRUPULOUS ALL ROUND."

In a letter quoted by Mr. H. C. Duffin in "Cornhill," Mr. Bernard Shaw says:—

"Some characters like Dabedat, Morell, and Mrs. Clandon are compounded from several living originals; in others, such as Bluntchli, Sergius, and the Waiter in 'You Never Can Tell,' the dramatisation has altered the complexion beyond recognition; in others (Cokane, Sartorius, Julia, Vivio, Warren, Crofts etc.) models are private persons whose names would mean nothing except to their acquaintances; and only a very few, like Cusins and Lady Britton, are so close as to preserve on the stage their actual condition and relations in real life. . . . Some, by the way, are lifted straight out of Dickens; for instance, Mrs. Dudgeon and Bohun (Mrs. Clemens and Jegg). Mendoza, the brigand who makes verses and recites them to his captives, was invented by Conan Doyle. The sulky Social-Democrat is the late Harry Quelch, probably unknown to you. The anarchist is a little man with whom I once worked in an office, not a bit of an anarchist in real life, but that sort of man. You will see from these examples that there is in my plays, and indeed in all fiction, an element due altogether to the purely accidental personal experiences of the author, which defies expression."

"The character of Dabedat illustrates one of my pet theses, which is that no man is scrupulous all round. Each man has, according to his faculties and interests, certain points of honour whilst in matters that do not interest him he is careless and unscrupulous. One of the several models who sat unconsciously for Dabedat was a morbidly scrupulous as to his religious and political convictions, and would have gone to the guillotine sooner than recant a syllable of them. But he had absolutely no conscience about money or women: he was a shameless seducer and borrower, not to say a thief. In contrast with men who were scrupulously correct in their family and business life he was a blackguard; but there were occasions when they cut a very poor figure beside him—occasions when loyalty to their convictions called for some risk and sacrifice. When Dabedat says, on his deathbed that he has fought the good fight, he is quite serious. He means that he has not painted little girls playing with fox-terriers to get exhibited and sold at the Royal Academy, instead of doing the best he could in his art."

There were several traffic accidents during the week-end. A Chinese girl had an arm fractured through not getting out of the way of a taxi in Queen's Road Central. Motor-car No. 469 knocked down an old man in Des Voeux Road Central. A labourer was injured by car No. 839 in Praya East and an earth-coolie was knocked down by a tram in Yee Wo Street.

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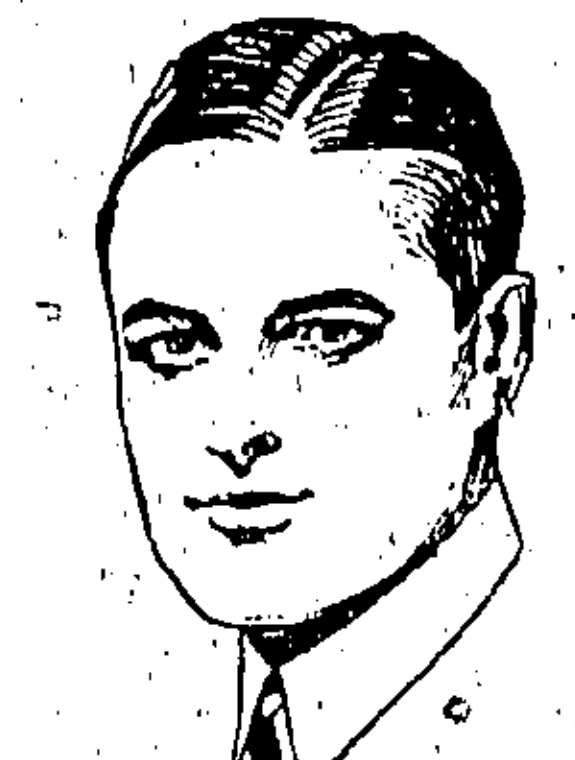
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WEEK-END SOCCER.

RESULTS IN BRIEF.

Kowloon I. Ambrose O
HONGKONG LEAGUE—DIVISION I.
S. China 4. Despatch I
HONGKONG LEAGUE—DIVISION II.
Club de Rec. 2. Kowloon Res. 1
The South China "A" and "B"
teams played a friendly at Sookumpoo, owing to the Hollyhock
being absent from port and St. Joseph's being unable to field a
side.

KOWLOON v. "AMBROSE"

There was a big crowd on the K.F.C. ground, which in spite of the continuous heavy rains, was in fairly good condition. Kowloon who made several changes in their line-up began the attack and put the sailors on the defensive. They forced several corners, but were unable to break through owing to the fine play of the "Ambrose" custodian. The Kowloon forwards essayed many shots at the goal and it was evident that sooner or later they would successfully penetrate the goal, but at half time, the score was still a blank.

The only goal of the game proved expensive for in a melee near the goal mouth after the interval, the "Ambrose" goal keeper had his collar bone broken. He twined away an attack by Mason and Roberts and while clearing was charged heavily. Muir scored the goal during the confusion. The Sailors had to resort to the one-back game after this unfortunate incident and although the Kowloon team maintained their aggressiveness they failed to add to the score. A goal scored near the end was disallowed, the forward being offside. Kowloon are now eligible to meet the winners of the Titania—R. G. A. game.

SOUTH CHINA v. "DESPATCH"

At Sookumpoo, on Saturday, before a huge crowd, South China defeated the Sailors but their record of being the only team to have had no goals scored against them, was broken, the final count being 4-1.

South China kicked off and in the opening encounters missed a chance of getting an early goal, Wong Pak-chung shooting too high. The sailors retaliated and tested Lau Hing-cheung at the other end but nothing happened. After Wong had again missed from long range, the play was transferred and it was here that the South China goalie was beaten for the first time this season. Balcombe dashed down the wing and passed to Brewer who cleverly transferred to Carter who was uncovered.

The centre forward made no mistake. Shortly after, Carter was robbed at the moment when he had a fine opportunity. Chan So taking the ball virtually from the tip of his toe. Chan carried the ball to the Sailors' area and with a corner kick, dropped it close in. Wo Pak-chung, headed into the net.

The goal was disallowed, Ching-fan being penalised for jumping and pushing. After a lull, South China began scoring, Wong getting the first goal with a shot that unbalanced Brewerton and forced him with the ball over the line. Wong added to this success later, converting one of Chan Kwong-wai's five passes. The next came as the result of a foul, Li Wai-tong beating Brewerton with the free kick. Following this reverse the Sailors made an effort and nearly scored, Carter sending in the ball to the right hand corner of the net, Lau just managing to save by throwing it over Brewer's head. Wong Pak-chung distinguished himself by scoring again just before time.

CLUB DE RECREO v. KOWLOON RES.

Both teams were strongly represented on the K.F.C. ground, Morton, of the seniors, occupied the centre half position for Kowloon, while Rasmussen, turned out in goal for them. The first half was even. Resuming, the Club forced the pace, and put Kowloon on the defensive. Following some tricky play by their front line, D. Xavier beat Rasmussen after five minutes' play. Keeping up the pressure, L. Rocha, receiving from a partial clearance by Oller, went in and beat Rasmussen, putting the Recreio two up. From now, until the end of the game, play went in favour of the Reserves and a few minutes from time, "A.W." Brown scored from a free. The Reserves tried to pull the game round but the Club defended well, the final whistle sounding with the Club de Recreio winning by two to one.

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B. F. s.s. "Triton" left Liverpool on Feb. 9 for Hongkong, Shanghai, Taku and Dairen and is due here on or about March 7.

The B. F. s.s. "Astrakhan" left Liverpool on Jan. 27 for Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about March 7.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Hama Maru" (European Passenger Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Feb. 4 and is expected here on Mar. 11.

The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yoshino Maru" (Australian Line) left Sydney for Hongkong via Manila on Feb. 22 and is expected here on Mar. 12.

The B. F. s.s. "Machao" left Liverpool on Feb. 9 for Straits, Hongkong, Shanghai and Japan and is due here on or about Mar. 14.

The A.O.L. s.s. "West Icon" which is due at Hongkong on or about Mar. 22 sailed from Seattle on Feb. 1.

The B.E. s.s. "Fres. Adams" which is due at Hongkong on Mar. 31st sailed from New York on Feb. 7 on schedule.

The C.A.S. Co., Ltd., s.s. "Victoria" with Australian Mail left Sydney for Hongkong via Queensland ports, Sandakan and Manila on Feb. 16 1924 and is expected to be here on about Mar. 7 1924.

The B. F. s.s. "Sarpodon" left Liverpool on Feb. 17 for Peking, Singapore, Hongkong and Shanghai and is due here on Mar. 18.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived by s.s. "City of York" remaining undelivered after February 28 will be subject to rent. Agent—The Bank Line Ltd.

TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

THE FINAL DIVIDEND declared for the year ending 31st December, 1923, at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of Two Pounds Sterling is payable on and after the 25th day of February, 1924, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants. By Order of the Court of Directors.
A. G. STEPHEN,
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Hongkong, 23rd February, 1924.

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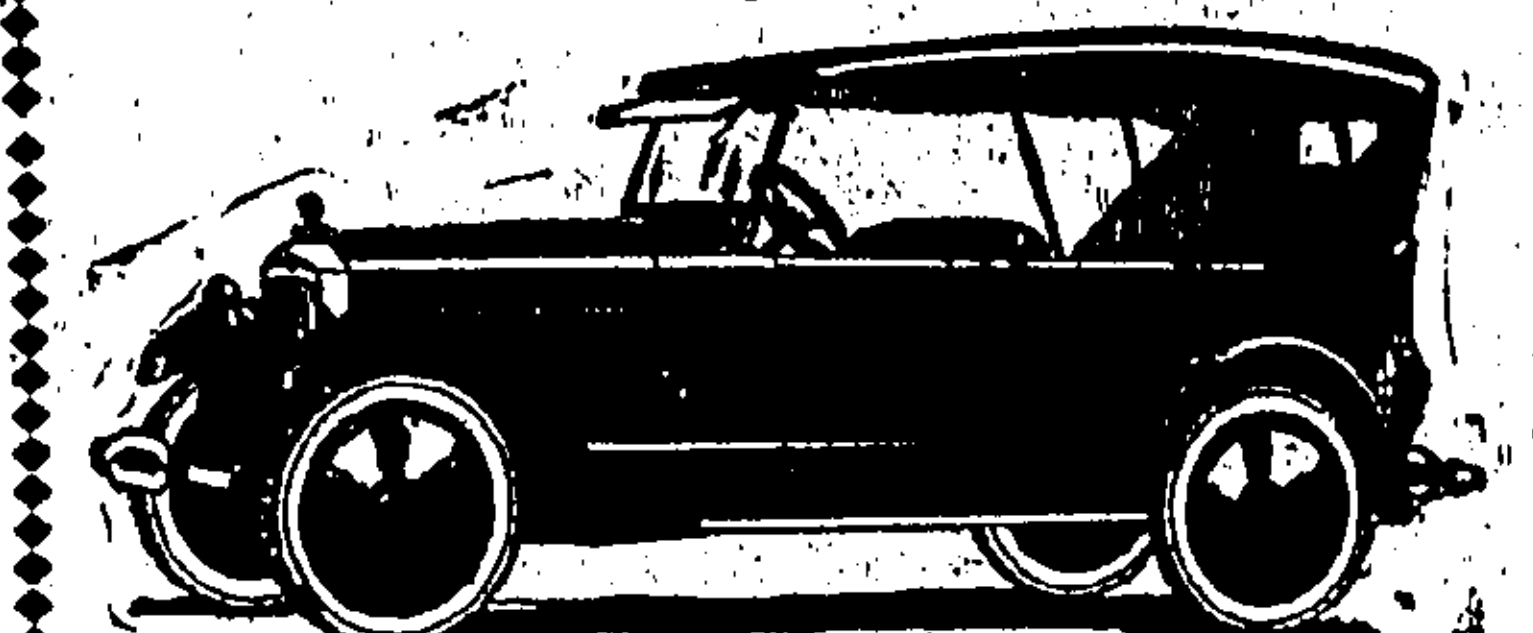
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DRAW FOR H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

Thirty-nine names in the Singles and thirty pairs in the Doubles constitute a fair entry for the two open events in the forthcoming Hongkong Cricket Club tennis tournament. As has been the case for years, the cream of local tennis talent is included.

In the upper half of the Open Singles are such well-known players as R. E. Worthington, S. E. Green, F. A. Redmond and H. D. Rumball. In the lower half, from the draw it looks as if Worthington will at least get to the first bracket of the top semi-final and Ng Sze-kwong the corresponding position in the lower one. A number of hard fights will be seen before the other two penultimate names are decided.

Players with reputations are very evenly divided in the Open Doubles draw. S. E. Green is partnered with T. Lay this year and appears to be the strongest combination in the first quarter. In the second are to be found Ng Sze-kwong who will play with C. Chou and R. E. Worthington partnered by F. A. Redmond. Presuming that they beat their respective opponents, they will meet in the third round to decide the entry into the top semi-final; this should be one of the keenest contests of the earlier rounds provided it takes place. Two strong pairs drawn in the third quarter are M. K. and M. W. Lo and H. D. and O. Rumball and there is a likelihood of their meeting one another as early as the second round. Of those in the bottom quarter, two pairs who should go far are S. A. and A. H. Rumball and R. Hancock and R. J. Saunders and they look like crossing one another in the second round.

The draw is as follows:—

SINGLES.
Byes, to meet in the second round.—Wong Po-keung v. J. Abe; R. E. Worthington v. C. Willson; T. Lay v. A. D. Humphreys; A. B. Raworth v. K. H. Lo; W. H. Gilroy v. S. E. Green; S. A. Rumball v. T. Yamada.

First round.—F. A. Redmond v. S. H. Tsim; O. Rumball v. E. de Souza; F. Wheeler v. Kwok Pok-nin; Hung Hui-chang v. D. J. Allfree; H. Krohs v. J. Takawa; T. Lay v. T. Honda; Ho Kuan-lai v. A. S. Hett.

Byes, to meet in second round.—S. Randle; A. H. Crook v. Ng Sze Kwong; N. Trainbitzky v. C. A. Assumeno; S. D. Tsim v. A. A. Rumball; S. Fujita v. H. D. Rumball; Yew Man-tan v. K. Ohta; H. Ungaro v. K. Yamazaki.

DOUBLES.

Bye.—S. H. and S. D. Tsim.
First round.—S. E. Green and T. Lay v. Wong Po-keung and Kwok Pok-nin; Ho Wei-hing and Ho Kuan-lai v. J. Foster and A. S. Hett; H. Owen Hughes and G. R. More v. V. M. Grayburn and A. N. B. Carr; Ng Sze-kwong and C. Chou v. N. L. Smith and J. B. Warner; A. D. Humphreys and J. D. Humphreys v. R. M. Henderson and A. Breenley; Hung Hui-chang and Hung Hui-chen v. R. E. Worthington and F. A. Redmond; Lam Yuk-ying and Chan So v. W. Hattersley-Smith and G. Williams; T. Honda and J. Abe v. K. H. Lo and Richard Lim; H. D. Rumball and O. Rumball v. H. E. Grace and A. B. Raworth; M. K. Lo and M. W. Lo v. T. Wheeler and L. Jack; Yew Man-tan and Yew Man-kei v. H. R. Remington and W. A. Nowers; C. Willson and W. Rumball v. S. A. Rumball and R. Neville; S. Randle and W. H. Gilroy v. R. Hancock and R. J. Saunders; E. de Souza and C. Assumeno v. N. Trainbitzky and H. Krohs.
Bye.—Robert Lim and William Mok.

EGYPTIAN TROUBLE.

ALEXANDRIA, February 23.
The three months' strike in the textile factory for "flature" was settled fortnight ago by the intervention of the Governor, but the operatives yesterday repudiated the agreement. One thousand men remained at the factory all night, women bringing them food. The men declare they will run the works on their own account, and they have formed a species of Soviet.

The operatives at Egoiin cottonseed factory are behaving similarly, and the situation is causing uneasiness.

Nationalist intrigues are suspected and Zakiul has been asked to intervene.

A battalion of troops has been sent to the flature factory, whose owners insist on a lockout.

LATER.
The operatives at the flature works walked out probably owing to having heard of the Government's determination to eject them forcibly.—*Reuter*

HOME SPORT.

INTERNATIONAL RUGGER.

(Through Reuter's Service.)

LONDON, February 23.

The International Rugger game at Twickenham was played in fine weather. The ground was in excellent condition and 25,000 persons, including His Majesty the King were present. England beat France by 19 points to 17.

At the outset the game was fairly even, with England getting more of the ball.

A forward rush took the game to the French, twenty-five, where a splendid bout of passing by the English backs ended with Jacob scoring an unconverted try. Shortly afterwards more excellent work by the English backs was witnessed and Jacob scored another unconverted try. England were now outplaying their opponents, although the latter got a share of the ball in the scrums.

Near the interval, in a passing movement, Catcheside received, and, with the French fullback going for his legs, made a four foot jump over him, and scored an unconverted try. At half-time England were leading by 9 to nil.

England were attacking early in the second half, but the French tackled well. After a quarter of an hour's hot play, French three-quarter, dropped a fine goal. Then the English backs raced away. Jacob got over and Conway converted. Towards the end, Young scored, Conway again converting. Then, in the last minute, after some good handling, Ballarin, French three-quarter, scored an unconverted try.

SCOTLAND DEFEATS IRELAND.

LONDON, February 23.
The weather at Edinburgh, for the International Rugger match, was glorious. Some 20,000 people were present. Scotland beat Ireland by 13 to 8.

Scotland scored after seven minutes play, through Waddell. Drysdale converting. Ireland took up the attack and the Scottish goal had two narrow escapes. It was a fast open game, play going quickly from twenty-five to twenty-five. A great Scottish forward rush ended in a try, Drysdale converting.

Ireland then made the most strenuous efforts to reduce the lead, and a fierce forward dash overcame the Scottish defence. G. Stephenson scored a try and himself converted. At the interval Scotland were leading by 10 points to 5.

On the resumption, an Irish forward rush resulted in G. Stephenson scoring a try which was not converted. Play was most keen, the Scottish defence withstood a prolonged hammering. From a scramble near the Irish line Waddell scored a try, unconverted.

"SOCCER" RESULTS.

LONDON, February 23.

Chelsea, 1; Everton, 1.

Middlesbrough, 0; Birmingham, 1.

Nottingham Forest, 1; Bolton, 0.

Sheffield United, 4; Blackburn, 0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Third Lanark, 3; Dundee, 5.

ASSOCIATION CUP.

Cardiff, 3; Bristol City, 0.

Crystal Palace, 1; Swindon, 2.

Southampton, 0; Liverpool, 0.

West Bromwich, 1; Wolverhampton, 1.

Watford, 0; Newcastle, 1.

Burnley, 1; Huddersfield, 0.

Aston Villa, 3; Leeds, 0.

Brighton, 1; Manchester City, 5.

SCOTTISH CUP.

Aberdeen, 2; East Stirling, 0.

Hearts, 3; Clyde, 1.

Clydebank, 2; Ayr, 8.

Partridge, 1; Hamilton, 1.

Rangers, 1; Hibernians, 2.

Motherwell, 0; Airdrieonians, 6.

Ruth, 0; St. Bernard's, 1.

Park, 0; Queen's Park, 0.

FRENCH POLITICS.

PARIS, February 23.

The Chamber of Deputies approved, by 354 votes to 218, the ensemble of the Government's fiscal programme.

Taken in conjunction with his victory in the Senate on Thursday, by the narrow majority of sixteen, the final passing of M. Poincare's taxation proposals, after an all-night sitting of the Chamber lasting till seven in the morning, means that he can confidently look forward to remaining in office at any rate until after the elections.

The latest political developments are already apparently influencing the franc, which yesterday recovered to ninety-nine.

The taxation proposals are expected to produce seven and a half milliard francs additional revenue, most of which will be used for the purpose of balancing the budget. So-called recoverable expenditure has, up to the present, been merely debited.—*Reuter*

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

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The report of the board of directors of this Company to the 35th ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders, to be held at the Company's offices, St. George's Building, at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 3, states:—

The Balance at Credit of Profit and Loss Account available for appropriation, after allowing for Depreciation is \$878,861.14 and your Directors recommend that this be disposed of as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$1.25 per share of 299,693 Shares..... 374,603.75
To place to Reserve..... 350,000.00
To carry forward to next Account..... 148,767.39
\$ 878,861.14

Directors.—Mr. T. G. Weall resigned from the Board on leaving the Colony and Mr. J. P. Warren was appointed to the vacant seat. This appointment requires the confirmation of Shareholders.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., LL.D. and Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt. retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditor.—The accounts, "have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A. who retires, but offers himself for re-election.

NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS.

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for "spot" goods, basis usual guild terms, were as follows:—

Java Sugar, average quality, per picul net—No. 24 rough white \$15.80; No. 24 fine white \$16.80; No. 18 rough brown \$15.00.

Rice, average quality, per picul gross for net—No. 1 Siam long white, superior—old crop \$8.80; new crop \$8.50; No. 1 Saigon long white \$7.55.

Flour, per sack of 50 lbs.—Sherry's XXX—\$3.48; White Greens \$2.78; Nutmeg Orange \$2.75; Dayton \$2.72; Kwan Tho \$2.70; Mollise Fairy \$2.69; Melon \$2.82; Reinder \$2.82.

VALUABLE CARGO PILFERED.

A Hongkong Chinese firm of medicine importers has reported that when four cases of ginseng valued at about \$2,800, consigned to them from North China, were opened, the cases were found to contain coal and not the valuable herb. It is stated that no signs of tampering were noticeable on the outside packing.

ARGENTINE LOAN.

NEW YORK, February 24.

Only half of the Argentine six per cent. loan of forty million dollars was publicly subscribed here recently owing to the greater attractions of the Japanese loan. The underwriters have taken up the balance.—*Reuter's American Service.*

C. E. R. REVENUE.

The N. C. D. News Harbin Correspondent states: According to statistics from the Accountant's Department of the Chinese Eastern Railway the railway's gross receipts for 1923 amounted to 37 million dollars and, whilst the expenses exceeded 25,000,000 whilst a further five million must be deducted for maintenance of the Railway Guards and other payment to Chinese Government institutions. The net profit for the year is thus over \$6,000,000, which is greater than what was expected by the management owing to the non-collections of the Land Department on account of the dispute with the Chinese authorities last October.

HANKOW TRADE.

Reporting on the trade of Hankow for the period ending February 6 the British Chamber of Commerce state that the markets have been closed owing to China New Year.

The principal figures given in the analysis of exports are as follows:—To Shanghai—12,500 pieces of untempered goods, 18,070 pieces of cotton, 2,842 piculs of sea-mussel seed, 27,816 piculs of beans, 495 piculs of wood oil; to other ports in China—889 piculs of vegetable tallow, 2,677 piculs of beans, 4,127 piculs of shelled groundnuts; to United Kingdom—600 pieces of untempered goods; to America—551 piculs of wood oil; to Germany—1,674 piculs of wood oil; to Italy—5,040 piculs of sea-mussel seed; to Japan—1,616 piculs of cow hides; 2,246 piculs of raw cotton; 828 piculs of beans, 602 piculs of shelled groundnuts; to Holland—6,720 piculs of sea-mussel seed.

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT CO.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd., it was decided to recommend (subject to audit at the annual general meeting) the payment of a dividend of 6 per cent. and a bonus of 4 per cent. (making 10 per cent. for the year) for the 1923 dividend for the year 1923.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Consignments of Cargo from BREMEN and LAMPA are notified that General Average Bond must be signed and a deposit of 2% of value must be paid before bills of lading will be countersigned for delivery.

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LATE BISHOP. POZZONI.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MEMORIAL.

Resolutions expressing condolence to the Pro-Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong and his clergy and to the relatives of the late Bishop Pozzoni were carried at a largely attended meeting of Catholics at the Catholic Union Club yesterday.

Mr. F. H. Barnes (Chairman of the Union) presided, and supporting him were the Portuguese Consul, Senhor Albuquerque e Castro, Messrs. W. G. Fitzgibbon, J. P. Braga, Simon Tse Yan, P. Silva and H. P. Rozario (Hon. Secretary).

Introducing the resolutions, the Chairman spoke of the loss which the Catholic community had sustained by the death of the late Bishop Pozzoni who, by his affability, kindness and devotion to his flock, had endeared himself to everyone in his diocese. He proposed the following resolutions:—

(1) "A vote of condolence be passed to the Pro-Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong and his clergy."

(2) "A vote of condolence be telegraphed, through the Milan Foreign Mission, Milan, to the relatives of our late Bishop."

Senhor Albuquerque e Castro seconded, and the resolutions were passed.

Tributes to the late Bishop Pozzoni's many fine qualities were paid by Messrs. Fitzgibbon, Simon Tse Yan and J. P. Braga.

Mr. J. M. G. Pereira suggested that subscriptions be started to instal in the Catholic Cathedral a suitable memorial to the late Bishop as a token of the Catholics' appreciation of his work.

The Chairman suggested that the matter be left to the Committee. The Catholic Union would undertake to collect subscriptions, and when the necessary funds had been raised, a committee could be formed to decide the form the memorial should take.

In connection with the proposed memorial, Mr. Braga said the last wish of the Bishop was the issuance of an appeal for the restoration of the Cathedral. That was one of his dying wishes; in fact it had been left with Mr. Fitzgibbon and himself to draft the appeal. All would agree that the need of the Cathedral for renovation was very great. Another scheme, in respect of which an appeal had already been issued by the Pro-Vicar, the Rev. Fr. Spada, was the building of a suitable Church for the Kowloon peninsula. The population of Kowloon had increased considerably and when the military cantonment was established there, the present chapel would be found to be much too small for the Catholics' needs. Mr. Braga concluded by hoping that in considering the memorial the two schemes he had mentioned would not be overlooked.

Mr. Fitzgibbon said that another meeting should be held to consider the question of the memorial.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 6th May 1924, otherwise it will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

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Hongkong, February 24, 1924.

"BROADWAY MADONNA."

AT THE WORLD THEATRE.

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LONDON, February 24.

The *Sunday Times* understands that although the Chancellor of the Exchequer will have a surplus when the national accounts are closed next month, Mr. Snowden does not expect to be enabled in his first budget to do much in the way of a remission of taxation. Something may be done to reduce the sugar duties. Mr. Snowden will also try to take something off tea. The Government does not mean to spend any more on the Singapore base, as the Cabinet has decided not to proceed further with the scheme.—*Reuter*.

It is officially reported that the production of pig iron in December was 626,900 tons, compared with 593,200 tons in November and 533,700 tons in December, 1923.

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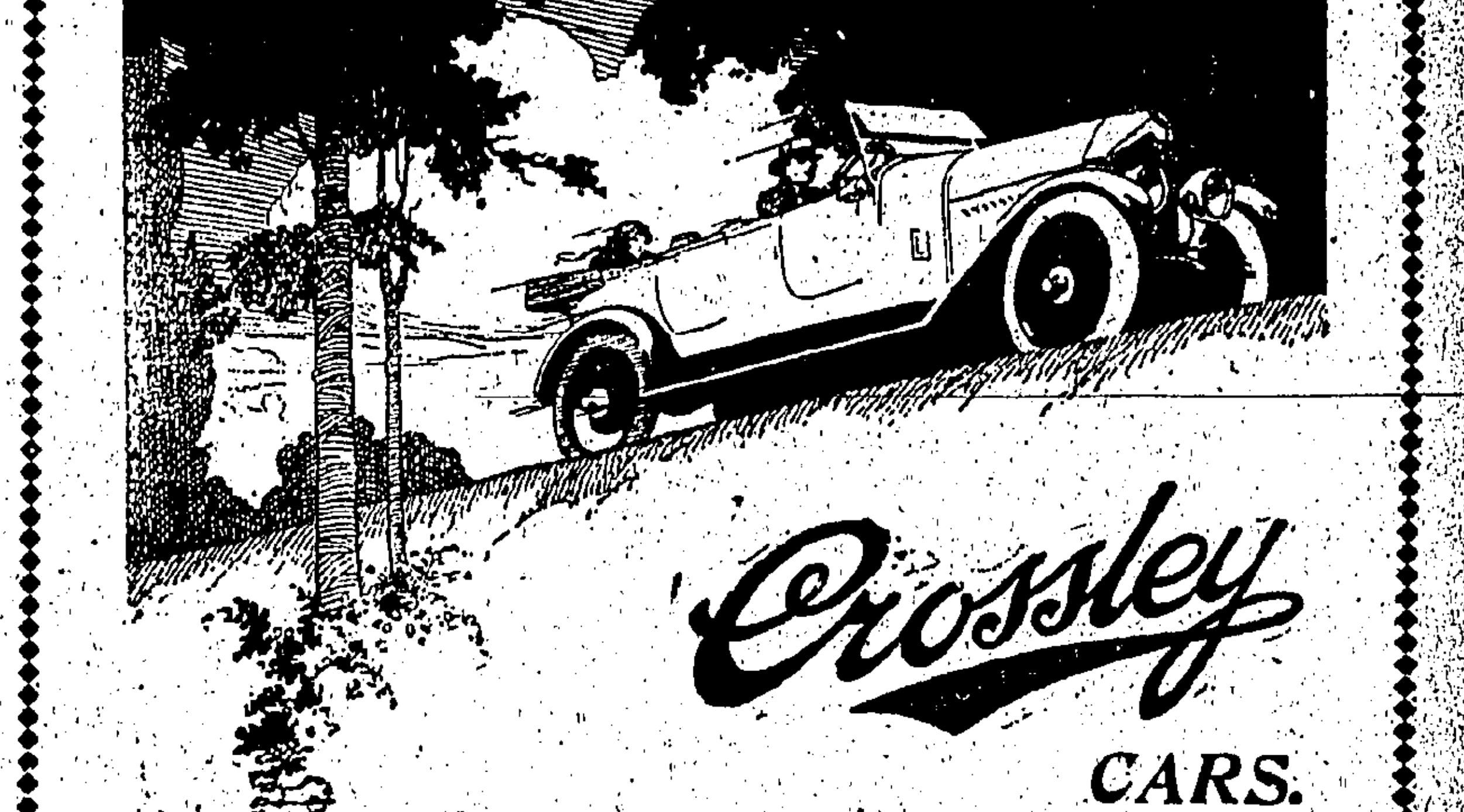
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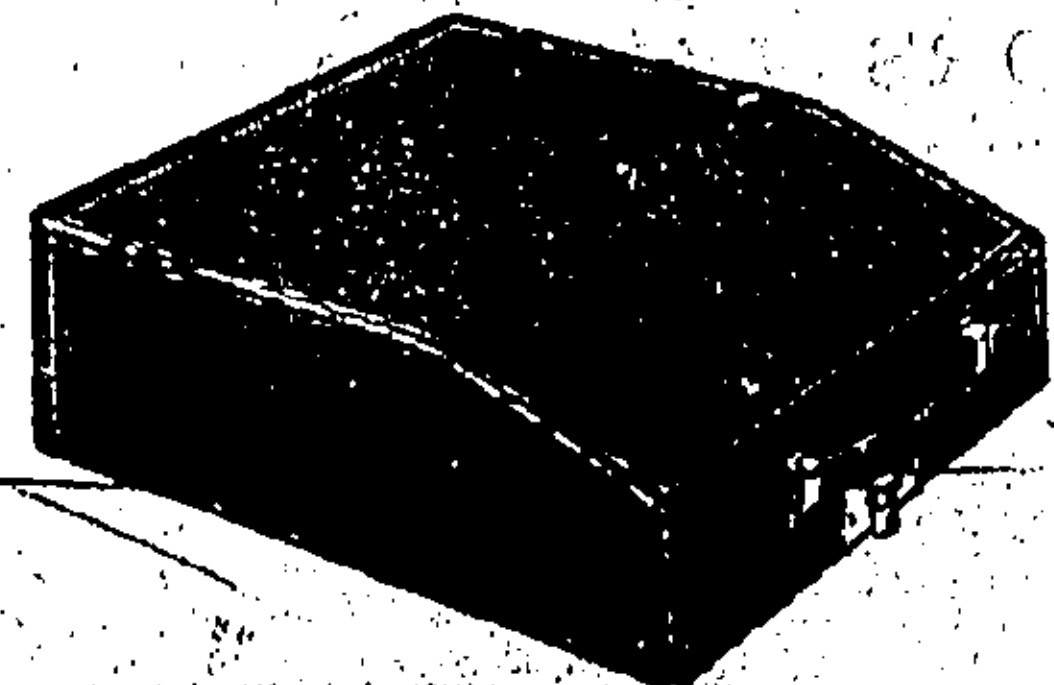
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